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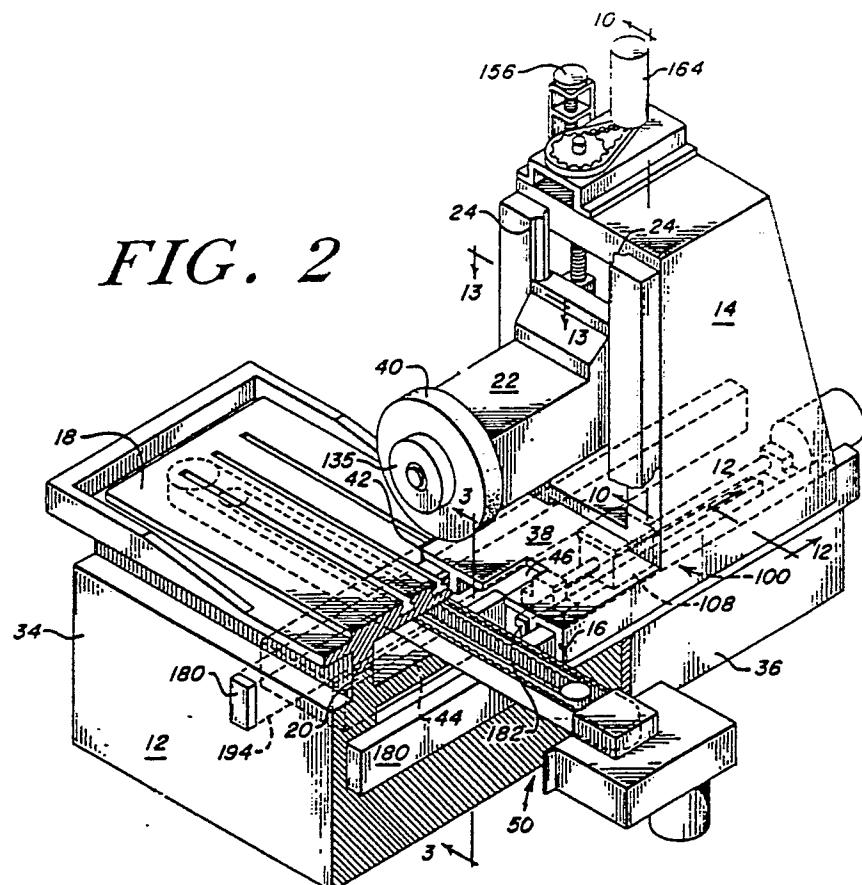
(54) Surface grinding machine.

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(57) A surface grinding machine (10) capable of being computer operated and having a multi-function capability for performing conventional slot and surface, plunge, side wheel, creep feed and short stroke grinding in any desired combination or sequence. A table (18) containing a workpiece (90) may be driven by a highly tensioned, circulating primary belt drive system (50) capable of providing a desired grind with a desired length and speed upon command. The base (12) is preferably formed as a unitary body, and the table (18) travels on ways (20) which are formed integrally with the base (12). The column (14) containing the grinding wheel (40) moves with respect to the workpiece (90) along cross ways (16) transverse to the table ways (20) which are supported along their length by the base (12). The column drive (100) is coupled to the column (14) by a mechanically and thermally isolated ball screw nut mount (118, 120, 122 and 124) which eliminates screw nut shoulder weave and reduces thermal con-

duction into the column (14). A housing (22) containing the grinding wheel (40) assembly moves vertically along ways (24) in the column (14) and a magnetic brake (156) is utilised in the vertical drive (154) for the wheel housing (22) to prevent damage to the workpiece (90) during power interruption. Both the vertical ways (24) for the wheel housing (22) and the horizontal cross ways (16) for the column (14) are self-aligning. A computer terminal (26 and 258) may be provided for automatic control of the machine, and a manual control panel (28) may also be provided, which is slidable across the front of the machine (10) for convenience of operation thereof.

FIG. 2





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